THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No such report has come to light from State Government except some media reports.

(b) The State has been advised to ensure protection for tiger conservation through systemic improvement. Further, the following measures have been taken at the Government of India level to protect wild animals in the country:

(i) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(ii) Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection to wild animals.

(iii) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.

(iv) The Ministry of Home Affairs has addressed all State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(v) A National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) has been launched with several action points and priority projects for conservation and protection of wildlife in the country.

Polluting Industrial units

521. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that polluting industrial units continue as a threat to environment;

(b) if so, the number of industries which are recognized in Polluting Category, State-wise;

(c) whether any action has been taken to prevent it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The State-wise list of 17 categories of highly polluting industries is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The steps taken for abatement of pollution from industries include:

(i) Enforcement of prescribed environmental standards;

(ii) Regular monitoring for compliance of prescribed environmental norms;

(iii) Issuance of notices/directions to defaulting units for installation of pollution control devices; and

(iv) Implementation on the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection for 17 categories of polluting industries.

Statement

State-wise status of 17 categories of highly polluting industries

Sl. No.	States	Total No. of polluting units	Compliance Status		
			OPRS	OPRNS	UCL
1.	Andhra Pradesh	367	243	90	34
2.	Assam	16	12	0	4
3.	Bihar	46	27	0	19
4.	Chhattisgarh	25	21	2	2
5.	Goa	8	8	0	0
6.	Gujarat	283	273	0	10
7.	Haryana	107	69	14	24
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11	11	0	0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	7	0	3
10.	Jharkhand	21	16	2	3
11.	Karnataka	113	69	2	42
12.	Kerala	43	37	0	6
13.	Madhya Pradesh	78	61	2	15
14.	Maharashtra	629	513	34	82

Sl. No.	States	Total No. of polluting units	Compliance Status OPRS	OPRNS	UCL
15.	Meghalaya	1	1	0	0
16.	Orissa	51	41	8	2
17.	Punjab	97	53	27	17
18.	Rajasthan	108	96	4	8
19.	Sikkim	1	1	0	0
20.	Tamil Nadu	218	177	38	3
21.	Tripura	5	5	0	0
22.	Uttaranchal	36	18	16	2
23.	Uttar Pradesh	263	232	4	27
24.	West Bengal	73	30	23	20
25.	Chandigarh	1	0	0	1
26.	Delhi	5	4	0	1
27.	Pondicherry	8	7	0	1
	TOTAL:	2624	2032	266	326

OPRS Operating satisfactorily
OPRNS Operating not satisfactorily
UCL Units closed

Protest rally against Biodiversity Act, 2002

522. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased o state:

(a) whether environment and other activists launched a protest rally against the Biodiversity Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there-under, in the Capital near Paryavaran Complex in December, 2004;

(b) if so, the main objections voiced by them indicating the provisions of the law and the rules; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) A few Non-Governmental Organizations have voiced some concern over not giving enough powers to local Biodiversity Management Committees under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. In fact, the Act and the Rules have vested enough powers to the Local Management